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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at 10 a.m.

Senate

SATURDAY, JULY 31, 2021

The Senate met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable MARTIN HEINRICH, a Senator from the State of New Mexico.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Challenge us, mighty God, when we are too well pleased with ourselves, when our dreams come true because they are too small, when we arrive safely simply because we have sailed too close to the shore.

Challenge us, mighty God, when, with the abundance of the things we possess, we lose our thirst for the waters of life and, having fallen in love with life, we cease to dream about eternity.

As we seek to honor the life and legacy of former Senator Carl Levin, challenge us, mighty God, to dare more boldly, to venture on wider seas, where storms will show Your mastery, where, losing sight of land, we will find Your stars.

We pray in Your sovereign Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 31, 2021.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARTIN HEINRICH, a Senator from the State of New Mexico, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. HEINRICH thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, yesterday, a substantial bipartisan majority of Senators agreed to move forward with a debate on the bipartisan infrastructure bill.

Senators from the bipartisan group continue to finalize the text of the agreement. Once the bipartisan group completes the legislative text, I will offer it as a substitute amendment, making it the base of the bill on the floor. And then we can proceed to the consideration of additional amendments.

Look, I understand that writing the text of a bill of this size is a difficult project. I have been part of many such efforts in the past. But I urge the bipartisan group to finish their work so we can begin the amendment process here on the floor.

I have said for weeks that the Senate is going to move forward on both tracks of infrastructure before the beginning of the August recess. The longer it takes to finish, the longer we will be here. But we are going to get the job done.

I will update the Senate on the timing of the next vote as we move forward.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Ms. WARREN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. SMITH). Without objection, it is so ordered.

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